

following: “**SENSE OF CONGRESS ON IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING A HOMEPORT FOR A NUCLEAR-POWERED AIRCRAFT CARRIER AT MAYPORT NAVAL STATION, FLORIDA.**”

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) as mandated in the 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review, in order to mitigate the risk of a terrorist attack, accident, or natural disaster, the United States Navy will homeport an East Coast carrier in Mayport, Florida;

(2) numerous studies have affirmed what the Navy has maintained all along, that dispersing our capital ships is in our best national security interest;

(3) this decision has been supported by the past four Chiefs of Naval Operations, and both President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama;

(4) during this time of fiscal austerity, the case for strategic dispersal has been strengthened by the recent Government Accountability Office report that states that the total one-time cost of homeporting a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier at Naval Station Mayport is expected to be between \$258,700,000 and \$356,000,000, which is well below the Navy's estimate of the one-time cost at \$537,600,000;

(5) the infrastructure improvements necessary to ready Mayport for a carrier move in 2019 are purposefully spread out over the next five years in order to mitigate the impact on the Navy's budget in any given year; and

(6) dispersing the East Coast carrier fleet is a national security priority, and the infrastructure improvements necessary to achieve this goal are vital to the defense of our Nation.

**SA 1342.** Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2354, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In the matter under the heading “OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE” under the heading “CORP OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL” under the heading “CORP OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY”, strike “such fees have been collected” and all that follows through the matter under the heading “REGULATORY PROGRAM” and insert the following: such fees have been collected; *Provided*, That no funds shall be made available to carry out a project for the dredging of small ports unless the project complies with a tonnage requirement of a minimum of 500,000 tons, which shall be calculated by each relevant port authority and submitted to the Corps of Engineers.

#### REGULATORY PROGRAM

None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to enforce laws pertaining to regulation of navigable waters and wetlands: *Provided*, That \$64,333,333 shall be deposited in the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund established by section 9505 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954: *Provided further*, That \$128,666,667 shall be deposited in the Treasury and used for Federal budget deficit reduction or, if there is no Federal budget deficit, for reducing the Federal debt in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury considers appropriate.

At the appropriate place, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.**

There is appropriated, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the highway bridge program established

under section 144 of title 23, United States Code, \$238,000,000, to remain available until expended, which shall be derived by transfer from amounts made available under the heading under the heading “TITLE 17 INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM” under the heading “DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, ENERGY PROGRAMS”, so that the total amount available under the heading “TITLE 17 INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM” is \$0.

**SA 1343.** Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2354, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title V, add the following:

**SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_.** None of the funds made available by this Act for fiscal year 2012 may be obligated or expended to implement or use green building rating standards unless the standards—

(1)(A) are developed in accordance with rules accredited by the American National Standards Institute; and

(B) are approved as American National Standards; or

(2) incorporate and document the use of lifecycle assessment in the evaluation of building materials.

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Ms. AYOTTE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Dennis Deziel, a defense fellow in my office, be granted floor privileges during the consideration of S. 1867.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Joel Garrison, a defense legislative fellow in our office, be granted floor privileges for the consideration of these amendments.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the legislative fellow in the office of Senator CONRAD, Air Force MAJ Jason Jensen, be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of debate on S. 1867.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to allow CDR Mike Moore, my defense legislative fellow, floor privileges through final passage of S. 1867, the National Defense Authorization Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I will say how much I have appreciated Commander Moore's contributions to our effort to preserve and protect and defend this country, and he is going to be returning to the full naval service before too much longer. It has been a great asset to have him on board.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Christopher

White, a national security fellow in Senator WARNER's office, be given floor privileges during the consideration of the pending bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. In my capacity as a Senator from Connecticut, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 2:24 p.m., recessed subject to the call of the Chair and reassembled at 3:47 p.m., when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. LEVIN).

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I thought we were in a quorum call. I didn't realize we were out of session subject to the call of the Chair, so I thank the Chair.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Monday, November 28, 2011, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 270; that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to vote without intervening action or debate on Calendar No. 270; that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; that the President of the United States be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 436, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 457, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, and 498; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

#### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Winslow Lorenzo Sargeant, of Wisconsin, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration.